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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. ^{sub 1} A print media tracking guide for providing positive tracking of print media passing through a printing apparatus, the print media tracking guide comprising:

a guide housing, the guide housing being mounted in a printing apparatus;

and

an armature rotatably coupled to the guide housing, the armature including a head member selectively biased against the guide housing.

2. The print media tracking guide according to claim 1, wherein the guide housing includes a core member and overhang support in a spaced relationship with one another, the core member and overhang support being rigidly coupled to a flange portion.

3. The print media tracking guide according to claim 2, further including a print media transport path along an outer peripheral portion of the core member.

4. ^{sub 2} The print media tracking guide according to claim 1, wherein the armature further includes a lever component for selectively biasing the head member against the guide housing.

5. The print media tracking guide according to claim 1, wherein the head member includes a roller.

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6. The print media tracking guide according to claim 1, wherein the head member is biased against the guide housing by a spring member.

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7. ^{Sub a3} A print media tracking guide for providing positive tracking of print media, the print media tracking guide comprising:

a guide housing including a central core member configured and dimensioned for mounting along a hub of a printing apparatus, the guide housing further including an overhang support wherein the core member and overhang support are in a spaced relationship with one another and define a print media transport path therebetween;

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a flange projection coupled to the core member and overhang support; and an armature rotatably coupled to the guide housing, the armature including a roller head member and a lever component for selectively biasing the roller head member against the guide housing.

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^{Sub B2} 8. ~~The print media tracking guide according to claim 7, wherein the roller head member is biased against the guide housing by a spring member.~~

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9. ~~The print media tracking guide according to claim 7, wherein the print media transport path includes an outer peripheral portion of the core member.~~

^{Sub B3} 10. The print media tracking guide according to claim 7, wherein the overhang support further includes a slotted area for receiving print media therethrough.

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11. ~~The print media tracking guide according to claim 7, wherein the core member includes ribs..~~

12. ~~The print media tracking guide according to claim 7, wherein the guide housing is frictionally mounted to the hub of the printing apparatus.~~

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13. Sub-C

A method of providing positive traction to print media, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a media tracking guide including a guide housing configured and dimensioned for mounting along a hub of a printing apparatus and an armature rotatably coupled to the guide housing, the armature including a head member selectively positionable against the guide housing;

mounting the media tracking guide to the hub of the printing apparatus;
and

loading print media through the media tracking guide.

14. The method of providing positive traction to print media according to claim 13, wherein the step of loading the print media through the media tracking guide further comprises inserting the print media between the head member of the armature and the guide housing